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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Acquisitions Branch
THROUGH: Chief, Foreign Section
FROM: USSR UNIT
SUBJECT: Analysis of the Library's Coordinated Soviet Subscription Program for 1963

I. 1963 Soyuzpechat' Catalog

A. General

The 1963 catalog of Soviet serial publications issued by Soyuzpechat' lists 167 newspaper and 1,299 periodical titles which total 1,466 individual subscriptions.

No attempt has been made to compare the "Referativnyy Zhurnal" and "Ekspress Informatsiya" series. These series are constantly being changed, and quite often it is not possible to be certain of any given title until it is actually received. The 1963 catalog does, however, list the "Svodnyye toms" of the "Referativnyy Zhurnal" separately from the sub titles which greatly facilitates ordering procedures.

The military type periodicals which were denied to the American Embassy for 1962 are still listed in the new catalog as being available for 1963.

B. Newly Available Soviet Subscriptions

Enclosure I lists the newspaper and periodical subscriptions which were not listed in the 1962 catalog.

One of the more important new listings from the Central press is "Novosti Neftyanoy i Gazovoy Tekhniki" which includes 6 series.

Another item of special interest is "Khizhnaya Letopis', Dopolnitel'nyy Vypusk." This supplement, although available during 1961 and 1962, was never previously officially listed for export.

The most significant new listing under the Republic press is the "Azerbaydzhanskiy Khimicheskiy Zhurnal" published in Baku.

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C. Soviet Periodicals Not Available for 1963

Enclosure II lists the periodicals that appeared in the 1962 catalog but which were deleted from the 1963 catalog.

Of particular interest, in line with the current friction between the USSR and Albania, is the deletion of the Albanian language edition of "Problemy Mira i Sotsializma."

II. Schedule of Soviet Subscriptions Ordered for 1963

Enclosure III has been prepared in order to reflect the Library's 1963 coordinated Soviet subscription effort.

The schedule points-up the fact that about one-third of the Moscow requirements is applicable to non-CIA agencies and organizations and the other two-thirds to CIA. Based on the 1963 Soyuzpechat' catalog, the two-thirds figure for CIA represents an average of about two subscriptions per title.

Although this schedule includes the total 1963 CIA requirement for Soviet serial publications, it does not reflect the total needs of other agencies and institutions such as the Library of Congress, NSA, Agriculture, Rand Corporation, etc. These consumers not only order Soviet subscriptions directly from Four Continents Book Corporation, Kamkin's, etc., but also have exchange arrangements with their Soviet counterparts for the acquisition of this type of material.

One other item of interest is that, although there has been a small decrease in the number of subscription orders through the Library by LC, NSA, AGR and AMS, this decrease has been more than offset by the placement of 216 subscriptions for the newest participant, Aerospace Information Division of the Library of Congress.

Enclosures:

I, II, III.

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